IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of Daniel K. Kirchhofer, et al. Appln. No.: 10/678,283 Filed: October 3, 2003 Title: HEPATOCYTE GROWTH FACTOR VARIANTS	Group Art Unit: 1647 Examiner: Marianne P. Allen Confirmation No: 3483 **Customer No: 09157** **Electronically Filed on 16-AUG-2007**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

This document is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 23, 2007 for which a three-month period of response was given. Submitted herewith is a petition and fees for a three-month extension of time, extending the due date to August 23, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the discussion provided, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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